Introduced by Senator Wright

February 16, 2012

An act to amend Sections 48980, 51225.3, and 51229 of the Education Code, relating to career technical education. Section 69433.2 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1103, as amended, Wright. Career technical education: parent notification: high school graduation requirements. Cal Grant Program: annual report.

Existing law establishes the Cal Grant Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under the program for participating students attending qualifying institutions. Existing law requires each Cal Grant participating institution, as a condition for its voluntary participation in the Cal Grant Program, to annually report to the commission specified information for its undergraduate programs.

This bill would require the commission to post on its Internet Web site each annual report submitted by a Cal Grant participating institution and other specified information and links that are useful to students and parents who are in the process of selecting a college or university.

Existing law requires the governing board of a school district to provide an annual notification with specified information, including a complete list of career technical education courses offered by the school district that satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California, to a parent

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or guardian of a minor pupil, as provided, and requires a school district offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to include, as part of that notice and among other things, a brief description of what constitutes career technical education.

This bill would define "career technical education course" for purposes of that notice, and would additionally require that the notice contain a brief statement that most available jobs in the labor market do not require a 4-year degree, accompanied by references to specified labor statistics, a description of the completion and tuition rates at the University of California and the California State University, and a list of all career technical education coursework offered by the school district. By imposing these additional duties on the governing board of a school district, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing law requires that, in order to receive a diploma of graduation from high school, a pupil complete certain courses, including, but not limited to, one course in visual or performing arts, foreign language, or career technical education. Under existing law, that provision does not require a school or school district that does not currently offer career technical education courses to start new career technical education programs.

This bill would clarify that the above-described provision does not relieve a school or school district from the requirement that it offer pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, a course of study that provides an opportunity for those pupils to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes-no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 69433.2 of the Education Code is amended 2 to read:

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69433.2. (a) As a condition for its voluntary participation in the Cal Grant Program, each Cal Grant participating institution shall, beginning in 2012, annually report to the commission, and as further specified in the institutional participation agreement, both of the following for its undergraduate programs:

(a)

 (1) Enrollment, persistence, and graduation data for all students, including aggregate information on Cal Grant recipients.

(b)

- (2) The job placement rate and salary and wage information for each program that is either-(1) designed or advertised to lead to a particular type of job; or-(2) advertised or promoted with-any a claim regarding job placement.
- (b) The commission shall post both of the following on its Internet Web site:
- (1) Each annual report submitted by a Cal Grant participating institution pursuant to subdivision (a).
- (2) Other information and links that are useful to students and parents who are in the process of selecting a college or university. This information may include, but not be limited to, local occupational profiles available through the Employment Development Department's Labor Market Information Data Library.

All matter omitted in this version of the bill appears in the bill as introduced in the Senate, February 16, 2012. (JR11)